

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0251-06
Bill No.: Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed CCS for HCS for SB 48
Subject: Public Service Commission; Utilities
Type: Original
Date: June 2, 2011

Bill Summary: This bill modifies provisions relating to utilities.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Public Service Commission Fund	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Local Government	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** state this proposal will have no fiscal impact on the Courts.

Officials from the **Department of Revenue, State Tax Commission,** and the **Office of Administration - Administrative Hearing Commission** assume no fiscal impact from this proposed legislation.

§386.490 - Public Service Commission Appellate Procedures

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Public Service Commission** calculate the PSC could save over \$60,000 per year in materials and postage costs with the ability to use electronic service.

§393.152 - Utility Deposits from Delinquent Customers

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Public Service Commission** and **Office of Public Counsel** state this section will have no fiscal impact on their respective divisions.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services** state this section will have no fiscal impact on the Utilicare Program.

In response to the introduced version of this proposal, officials from **Johnson County** and the **City of West Plains** stated no fiscal impact.

Officials from the **Public Water Supply District No. 2 of St. Charles County** state they would stand to lose revenue from uncollected accounts. The District currently holds deposits from all customers until it receives 24 months of timely payments. This section of the legislation would expose the District to greater risk of non-payment and potentially reduce revenue by thousands of dollars per year. The lost revenue might cause an increase in rates for all customers.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

§620.2300 - Biomass Facility

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources** would not anticipate any significant direct fiscal impact from this provision.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development (DED)** assume an unknown impact as a result of this section; however, if it is determined that a new FTE is needed, DED will request the FTE through the normal budget process.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2012 (10 Mo.)	FY 2013	FY 2014
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FUND			
<u>Savings</u> - Materials and postage costs (\$386.490)	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FUND	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2012 (10 Mo.)	FY 2013	FY 2014
LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS			
<u>Loss</u> - Water Districts - Uncollected Accounts (\$393.152)	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business</u>			

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

§386.490 - Public Service Commission Appellate Procedures

Every order of the commission shall be served upon every person or corporation to be affected thereby, either by personal delivery of a certified copy thereof, by electronic service, or by mailing a certified copy thereof, in a sealed package with postage prepaid, to the person to be affected thereby, or, in the case of a corporation, to any officer or agent thereof upon whom a summons may be served in accordance with the provisions of the code of civil procedure.

§393.152 - Utility Deposits from Delinquent Customers

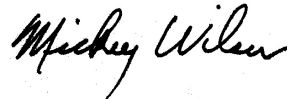
Gas, electric, water, heating, and sewer companies are prohibited from requiring a deposit or other guarantee for continued service to any existing customer that has been late in paying the utility bill at least 5 times in a 12-month period when such customer has consistently made a monthly payment by the delinquent date during the 12-month period of at least \$75 or 25% of the total outstanding balance.

This section does not apply to customers who owe more than \$300 or to customers making payments as part of an established pay plan with the utility.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Economic Development
 Public Service Commission
 Office of Public Counsel
Office of Administration
 Administrative Hearing Commission
Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Revenue
Department of Social Services
State Tax Commission
Department of Natural Resources
Cities
 West Plains
Counties
 Johnson
Water and Sewer Districts
 Public Water Supply District No. 2 - St Charles County



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